

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT SAMUEL DUVALL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Speaker NANCY PELOSI to recognize the life of Robert Samuel "Sam" DuVall, legendary San Francisco restaurateur.

Born in Mississippi, Sam graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1962. During his time in college, Sam hosted dinner parties for his friends, introducing them to different kinds of food and unknowingly honing the hospitality that would foster his future career. Following graduation, Sam moved to San Francisco in 1964, which he ultimately made his home. While passing an empty storefront one day in 1967, Sam decided to open a restaurant, Front Room Pizza. He conducted research by eating pizza throughout San Francisco and hiring the best pizza chef he could find. With the opening of Front Room Pizza, Sam started a more than 50-year career as a restaurateur, during which he opened 30 restaurants.

One of Sam's most famous restaurants, Izzy's Steakhouse, opened in 1987 and became a gathering place for the community. Patrons were welcomed, not only with comforting meals, but also by Sam's renowned warmth and generosity. The restaurant was awarded Legacy Status on its 30th anniversary as part of an initiative to recognize iconic establishments in San Francisco. Sam's legacy lives on through his daughter, Samantha, who heads The DuVall Family Restaurant Group and continues operations of Izzy's. Another one of Sam's restaurant's, Elite Cafe, opened in 1981 and is known locally as the first New Orleans-style restaurant in San Francisco. Due to his love of traveling, jazz, and art, Sam's restaurants embodied his many passions and gave diners an immersive experience that allowed them to escape the bustling city.

Sadly, Sam passed away on November 1, 2020 at the age of 80. He was a cherished member of our communities and he will be deeply missed. Please join us in honoring Sam for his many contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area.

BAILEY OWENS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bailey Owens for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Bailey Owens is a student at Exel Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Bailey Owens is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bailey Owens for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING NICK PERBIX OF ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nick Perbix of Elk River, Minnesota, for his participation in the 2022 Winter Olympics. Nick represented the United States as a defenseman on our men's ice hockey team. He carries on a legacy of talented Minnesotans who share this sport with the world.

I am proud to count such an amazing athlete among my constituents in the Sixth District. I congratulate Nick and thank him for representing our great state and country at the 2022 Winter Olympics.

HONORING CAPTAIN TIM CELLI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Tim Celli in celebration of his outstanding career in the Clearlake Police Department.

Captain Celli was raised in Clearlake, California, attending Burns Valley Elementary School, Oak Hill Middle School, and Lower Lake High School. His interest in law enforcement began at an early age and led him to become a youth explorer in 1986. After graduating high school, Captain Celli joined the California National Guard in 1993, serving as a military policeman in the 649th Military Police Company.

The next year, Captain Celli graduated from the police academy and began serving as a reserve police officer in the city of Waterford, California. In 1995, Captain Celli returned home to Clearlake and served as a reserve

police officer and community service officer until 1999, when he was promoted to a full-time police officer. In his new role, he served as patrol officer, detective, field training officer, narcotics agent, explorer advisor, and president of the Clearlake Police Officers' Association.

In 2005, he was promoted to sergeant, supervising both the patrol unit and the Crime Suppression Unit, which was formed to address violent crime in Clearlake, California. In 2012, Captain Celli was promoted to Lieutenant, based on his excellent supervisory skills and his devotion to the community. In October 2015, Captain Celli took on the role of as interim chief of police, which he served as for over two years. In this role, he improved community engagement, introduced a dedicated traffic enforcement officer, addressed violent crime associated with illegal cannabis grows, and oversaw the department's response to numerous major fires.

In addition to being a devoted officer of the Clearlake Police Department, Captain Celli is an active community member through his participation in the Lion's Service Club and a devoted husband to his wife, Amanda, who he has been married to for 24 years. Additionally, he has served as a coach of youth football, high school football, and youth wrestling in Lake County. Captain Celli is retiring after a 26-year career in law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Captain Celli has dedicated his life to the people of Clearlake through his public service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

BERENICE MANUEL SAUCEDO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Berenice Manuel Saucedo for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Berenice Manuel Saucedo is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Berenice Manuel Saucedo is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Berenice Manuel Saucedo for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

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HONORING VILLA DEL MAR
RESTAURANT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Villa Del Mar Restaurant of McAllen, Texas, an international family business celebrating 35 years of business.

Mr. Homero and Mrs. María Cristina Garza de Villarreal opened Villa Del Mar in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico in 1987. In 2005, the Villarreal family opened its first location in McAllen, Texas, quickly setting the standard for Mexican seafood in the Rio Grande Valley. Since then, Villa Del Mar Restaurant has united two countries and its people through their delicious cuisine.

Villa Del Mar stands as a living testament to the success that can come when passion and hard work meet opportunity. The Villarreal family has faithfully served our community and now serves as an inspiration for all Texans aspiring to succeed in business. Now, after a total of 35 years of service to the people of South Texas, I am proud to acknowledge their contributions to our region on the House floor. Villa Del Mar is a staple of Valley cuisine, and because of their hard work, it will continue to be one of South Texans' favorite restaurants.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to acknowledge the countless achievements and successes of Villa Del Mar Restaurant and the Villarreal family, who have devoted their lives to giving the people of South Texas the highest quality of seafood and service. South Texas will be forever grateful.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAKU AND
SUMGAIT POGROMS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, as the Representative of America's largest and oldest Armenian population, I rise today to commemorate the Baku and Sumgait Pogroms and to reaffirm that the U.S. stands on the side of democracy and peace—and that means standing with the Armenian people.

Over 30 years ago, as the lines of the Soviet Union were fading, the people of Artsakh were united and voted for greater independence from Azerbaijan. But this peaceful movement for self-determination was followed by premeditated and government-sponsored attacks. Over the next two years, the Armenian population of Artsakh was repeatedly victim to brutal and racially motivated pogroms. Hundreds were murdered, and thousands were displaced in Baku, Sumgait and Kirovabad.

These pogroms were a direct assault on the right of self-determination in Artsakh. And it is an assault that is continuing today. In the fall of 2020, as the world was struggling to contain the corona virus pandemic, Azerbaijan launched yet another war of aggression against the peaceful people of Artsakh, destroying homes and villages and once again displacing thousands.

This violence is unacceptable, which is why I immediately called for a cease fire and have called for an end to U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan. We must also ensure the humanitarian needs of the Armenian people are being met, which is something I have pushed Samantha Power, the Administrator of USAID, to help us do.

Having had the privilege of visiting Artsakh in October 2019, I've seen the pride of the people there and I know how strong they are. That is why I know that, just as their spirit could not be defeated after the Sumgait and Baku pogroms, it will not be defeated today.

I am proud to stand with the Armenian people in their fight for democracy and human rights and stand united in rejecting the violence from Azerbaijan that has destroyed too many lives.

DIVINITY DELMASTRO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Divinity Delmastro for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Divinity Delmastro is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Divinity Delmastro is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Divinity Delmastro for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING 2022 "FORCE OF NATURE"
AWARD WINNER CAROL
BROWNER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Carol Browner, on being awarded the "Force of Nature" award by global non-profit Pure Earth. Her lifetime of dedication to protecting the environment and fighting for vulnerable populations makes Ms. Browner a true force of nature. Her significant contributions to environmental progress and sustainability are worthy of commendation.

Born in Miami, Florida, she is a graduate of the University of Florida and the University of Florida College of Law. At home in South Miami, Ms. Browner grew up around nature and developed her love and appreciation for our environment and their natural resources early on by spending time visiting the nearby Everglades. Her first role was in the Florida House of Representatives as General Coun-

sel, working to revise the Conservation and Recreational Lands Program. She later moved to Washington, DC to advocate for the environment and ended up working on Capitol Hill. She worked for Senator Lawton Chiles, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and as Legislative Director for Senator Al Gore. She then returned to her home state of Florida to serve as Secretary of Environmental Regulation.

After the election of President Bill Clinton, Ms. Browner was nominated for the position of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator. She was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on January 21, 1993. During this time, she notably helped strengthen the Clean Air Act and upped the United States position in the fight against global warming. After the end of the Clinton administration, she joined the Albright Group where she continued her work as an advocate for strengthening environmental regulations and fighting climate change. At the start of a new Democratic administration in 2009, President Barack Obama named her Director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy. She helped negotiate the new automobile emission standards in 2009 and was a leader during the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill of 2010. During the Obama administration, she secured a historic investment in clean energy and established the first ever greenhouse gas reduction standards. Ms. Browner now serves on the board of directors for environmental groups, including as Chair for the League of Conservation Voters.

Ms. Browner's accomplishments are numerous and impactful, and in every place that she has served, she has done all in her power to create positive change and put beneficial climate policy in action. She has been on the front lines of environmental policy for the past three decades and shows no sign of stopping anytime soon. She was named winner of the "Force of Nature Award" for this year because of her ongoing efforts to protect children from environmental hazards, and for her recent establishment of the Protecting Every Child's Potential lead contamination prevention initiative.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Carol Browner as this year's "Force of Nature" award winner. We are grateful for her continued work on behalf of our environment and congratulate her on this great honor.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER THERESA
HARPIN—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH
CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE
YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Sister Theresa Harpin of San Luis Obispo, California.

With over 40 years as a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sister Theresa looks at the world through the lens of